

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville Indiana. A quorum was present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. Commissioner Steven C Dillinger was absent.

SR 37 Curb Cut

Discussion was held on the requested curb cut on SR 37 and 131st Street for the new waterpark in Fishers. Mr. Brad Davis stated INDOT is currently in the process of developing a plan for access management of state corridors.

2007 Budget Rearrangement

Davis stated the County Council has re-instated the Highway COIT Funds. The budget that was cut is what was adopted. Davis has rearranged the budget with Major Moves going to preliminary engineering for 146th Street West - \$998,425 and \$40,000 for pipe separation on 146th Street 750' west of River Road. Major Moves money should be distributed in October with the next distribution October 2007. Davis stated the first thing we need to do is make sure our process for selecting an engineering firm does not jeopardize future federal aid. Altman asked if we could start the RFQ process now? Davis stated yes. Holt stated he would favor multiple firms. Altman agreed.

Bid Award

Vehicles - Cargo Van and Pick-up Trucks

Davis recommended the bid for the cargo van be awarded to Wabash Sterling Ford for \$19,095 and the bid for the pick-up trucks (2) be awarded to Don Hinds Ford at \$50,130. Altman motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

In House Paving

Davis stated we are in the process of finishing our planned paving work. We will then pave 251st Street. U.S. Aggregate has put in an aggregate operation up there and their trucks are using 251st Street and they are tearing up that road, especially the west lane. U.S. Aggregate has agreed to pay for materials if the highway department would convert it from a chip seal road to asphalt. Altman motioned to allow the highway department to pave the road with the understanding that U.S. Aggregates will have to maintain the road as it deteriorates or the road will be posted “No Trucks”. Holt stated he thinks we should be reimbursed everything, not just materials. There would have been nothing wrong with this road without their operation locating there. Altman suggested deferring this discussion until Dillinger is in attendance.

Marina Agreement for Landscaping and Sprinklers in Right of Way

Davis asked how the Commissioners wish to proceed with the agreement with Marina for landscaping and sprinklers in right of way? Altman stated it is tabled. Holt stated we have already have a Marina agreement we are trying to sort out.

4/5 Day Work Week, Comp Time

Davis stated the highway maintenance crews will be back to their five day work week beginning Monday, October 2nd. The highway department is allowing 16 hours of comp time to be built up. Davis stated there has been an 18% reduction in leave time and a 30% reduction in hours of overtime this year over last year.

Additional Appropriation Request for October

Davis stated the highway department has submitted a request for an additional appropriation of \$250,000 for the bond issuance costs per the purchase agreement for 146th Street.

146th Street Status

Mr. Joel Thurman stated the 146th Street project is going well. The contractor, E&B Paving, is trying to get a lot done. Gradex is also working on the project as a sub-contractor to E&B Paving. One of the first sections to be worked on will be between Cumberland Road and SR 37 on the south side of the road. The road will remain open. 146th Street and Cumberland is now a 3-way Stop. Davis stated we have found out that INDOT will not release the money until the language in the Bill is corrected. According to Jan Powell she thinks it may be heard in the lame duck session. Everything is set up to take care of that issue. The transfer of the money for Hazel Dell Road is also hung up in the same Bill.

96th Street Status

Davis stated they have met with the MPO and the consultants on the 96th Street Corridor Study for Fishers. We want to find out what their thoughts are so we can begin our project. They did confirm that our design from the late '90's is adequate, to add a third lane between the two intersections to add a left turn lane. One suggestion Fishers made was to look at a round about. We asked them to send us information. Altman suggested they look at 96th Street and Westfield to see what Carmel has installed, this has cleared up traffic immensely, there is no traffic back-up. Davis stated the other issue is Fall Creek south. Since we met the MPO has called and said they have different traffic projections showing traffic volumes higher than what we thought. If they concur with the new traffic counts they have said they may not concur with our design. If the project scope is changed from three lanes to four lanes the project would have to be re-approved and we would also get into air quality issues.

Olio Road Connector

Davis stated the MPO has requested he attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of Olio road as a regional connector. Altman suggested Madison County and Noblesville be included in this meeting.

249th Street

Holt stated on 249th Street west of the railroad tracks about 50 yards there is a culvert. A reflector was put up about three years ago. When the farmer mowed through it this summer he peeled off the reflectors. It seems dangerous if you would roll of the edge of pavement into the culvert. Holt asked what is our policy on handling something like this with our new policy of our right of way ending at edge of pavement? Holt asked someone to look at it.

Scherer Avenue

Holt stated on Scherer Avenue north of 256th Street there is a concrete culvert and a creek that is probably 12' to 15' below road level and there is an area where the pavement is collapsing.

Gray Road

Altman stated there is a hole in the pavement on Gray Road north of 161st Street.

96th Street Bridge over I-465

Davis stated regarding the correspondence Mayor Brainard sent to INDOT regarding the replacement of the 96th Street Bridge over I-465, the MPO does not officially recognize a jurisdiction's thoroughfare plans. INDOT looks at the thoroughfare plan that has been adopted on projects to make sure it is compliant. Davis stated Carmel's concerns were the paths on the bridge. INDOT is putting in a 7' wide shoulder to accommodate Carmel's plan.

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Park and Ride

Holt asked Altman if she would have any interest in encouraging the highway department to research Park and Ride and why it makes sense. Altman concurred.

Holt adjourned the meeting.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Joel Thurman, Interim Highway Engineer

APPROVED
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ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor